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IN THE

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PICTOU, as is well known, is a Scotch County, and as such was naturally almost entirely Presbyterian in its religious worship. This is ably set forth in the History of the County by the Rev. George Patterson, D. D., and in the life of Dr. McGregor by the same author.

A few Church of England people, however, found their way hither. Amongst them, and almost the earliest of them, was Robert Hatton, a Barrister of the Dublin Four Courts, who, with his family, settled in the town of Pictou about 1813. Mr. R. Hatton died 1824.

In January, 1823, application was made to Dr. John Inglis, then Ecclesiastical Commissary for Bishop Stanser, for advice as to how to proceed in procuring the erection of a Church and the services of a Clergyman,—other families of Church people having arrived, and many merchants and seamen resorting thither in the summer season, who also felt the loss of their accustomed forms of worship.

Dr. Inglis cordially entered into the project, and with his well-known gentleness, concludes his approval thus :

"In the prosecution of your commendable object, you will, I doubt not, see the propriety of endeavoring to abstain from everything that could afford reasonable cause of offence to the multitudes of a different persuasion from yourselves, in the midst of whom your lot was cast. Let everything be done with a sincere desire for the glory of God, and for the most important benefits to yourselves and families."



He also offers a clergyman's services "for a few weeks," and on April 26th, 1823, again writes to say that "the Rev. Mr. Burnyeat\* has kindly offered to visit Pictou for two or three weeks."

Between these two communications, a subscription list had been sent to Halifax, on which are found the names of A. Cunard & Son, £5; Dr. Inglis, £5; also. Messrs. W. Hill, Chipman, DeBlois, &c. Among other subscribers were: Chief Justice, £5; the Collector, £2 6s. 8d.; Attorney General, £2; Mr. Collins, £3 10s.; Judge Haliburton, £2 6s. 8d.; Sir Rupert George, £2; C. R. Prescott, £1. Major Cochran offered a site.

*Advertisement for Building the English Church in Pictou.*

TO CONTRACTORS.

ESTIMATES wanted for procuring scantling for the purpose of building an English Church in the Town of Pictou, the length of the building to be 44 feet; breadth, 34 feet; height, 19 feet; length of rafters, 20½ feet; height of steeple above the Church (tower and belfry included), 36 feet, with a circular Chancel at the East end.

—ALSO—

Estimates wanted for framing and erecting the frame of the above-described Church; the scantling will be furnished by the contractors on the site of the Church. Sealed tenders to be given in to the Commissioners, at the house of Henry Hutton, in Pictou, on the twentieth day of July, inst., at twelve o'clock, noon, when and where they shall be opened, and the lowest estimate performed.

Sufficient security will be necessary for the due and sufficient execution of the work. The scantling must be on the spot on or before the twentieth day of August next, and the frame erected on or before the twentieth day of Sept. next, ensuing. For further particulars apply to the Commissioners, who will show plans and specifications of the above work.

Pictou, 6th day of July, 1824.

In July, 1824, James McLellan, West River, undertook to put up the frame "according to the plan drawn by Mr. Crerar," for £79.

There are extant a list of materials got for the Church since the 1st April, 1827, and accounts headed:

"Pictou, Dec. 31st, 1825, and

"Pictou, Sept. 27th, 1827.

"MR. HENRY HUTTON:

"For work done on the English Church."

"To GEORGE MCKENZIE:

This George McKenzie was father of Mrs. John Baylis, of Pictou, Mrs. Ross, of Wallace Bridge, &c., &c., and well known to many as the oldest Freemason in the Province at the time of his death.

On September 28th, 1827, the same Mr. Geo. McKenzie, in a letter

\* The Rev. John Burnyeat, father of Mrs. Adams G. Archibald, wife of the present Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, and grandfather of the wife of Samuel Rigby, Esq., Q. C.

to Mr. Henry Hatton, undertakes to finish "the English Church" "for the sum of seventy-eight pounds seven shillings currency, you furnishing all materials."

Besides the subscriptions collected in Halifax, and £100 granted by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, no great amount was collected; many small sums were promised, but in the end the great part of the cost fell upon the most earnest promoter of the undertaking, as the following letters go to prove:—

*From A. Cunard & Son, Halifax, to Henry Hatton, Esq., Pictou.*

HALIFAX, April 4th, 1823.

Dear Sir,—

We have got about forty pounds subscribed for the Church, and will exert ourselves to obtain further subscriptions.

Dr. Inglis suggested the propriety of your applying to him by letter to have a clergyman sent up to visit you to baptize any children that may not yet have been christened. This gentleman will then put you in a proper way of making your application to the Society for assistance in erecting the Church and for appointing a clergyman. This you should do immediately. The Doctor has already written to England on the subject.

We remain, dear sir,

Yours respectfully,

A. CUNARD & SON.

*From Bishop Inglis to H. Hatton, Esq.*

HALIFAX, Nov. 17th, 1823.

My Dear Sir,—

Although I have not yet received Mr. King's\* report, which will soon come to me, I was rejoiced to learn from Mr. Smith, as well as from your letter, that our expectations at Pictou are not likely to be disappointed.

I am obliged, in drawing upon the Society for money in aid of Churches, to comply with forms, and must therefore request you to send me a certificate from the Trustees or Commissioners for building the Church, stating that it is completed and naming the person in whose favor they wish the bill to be drawn.

I am well aware that you have been the chief Commissioner as well as Banker, and I fear the advances have been large; but you will easily enable me to comply with the accustomed forms, and I will lose no time in forwarding the bill. If you have the date of the resolution of the Society by which £100 was granted to your Church, I will thank you to let me know it, as I think I sent it to you. It is possible I may be out of town for a few days.

It was my hope to have come from Quebec by water and to have stopped at Pictou, and to consecrate your Church. This must now, I apprehend, be deferred until next year.

I hope Mr. King may be allowed to devote a few weeks at Christmas to Pictou.

I remain, my dear sir,

With much regard,

Your faithful servant,

H. Hatton, Esq.

JOHN NOVA SCOTIA.

\* Rev. Wm. King, afterwards Rector of Parrsboro'.

On the 25th of the same month the Bishop writes :

*My Dear Sir,—*

I lose no time in sending the bills, as you desire. I hope, with Mr. Crerar's help, you will get all possible information of trespassers on glebe lands, as we must certainly take some decisive measures against them in the course of the winter.

Yours with much esteem,

JOHN NOVA SCOTIA.

*Henry Hatton, Esq., Pictou.*

The Church at Pictou is dedicated to St. James. This dedication, suggested to Mr. Hatton by his wife, was intended as a mark of respect and admiration for the first Bishop who ever officiated in Pictou,—the Honorable and Right Reverend Charles *James* Stewart, the self-denying Missionary Bishop of Quebec, brother of the Earl of Galloway.

In the annals of the Colonial Church, Diocese of Quebec, by Ernest Hawkins, B D., the well known Secretary, S. P. G., is given the following anecdote, on the authority of a worthy man, one of the oldest Missionaries in Canada, the Rev. Job Deacon, of Adolphus Town :

"The Bishop of Quebec, finding that my health was greatly impaired, kindly invited me in the summer—(I think it was of 1829)—to accompany him, in the hope that I might derive benefit from the voyage, on a Confirmation tour to the Bays of Gaspé and Chaleurs, and subsequently on a visit to Lady Sarah and Sir Peregrine Maitland, who was then Lieutenant Governor of Halifax (*sic*), as well as to the Lord Bishop of that Diocese, whose Visitation was to be held at a certain day. The Confirmation tour made, the visit paid, and the Visitation, which afforded us the greatest gratification, over, the vessel at his Lordship's disposal was despatched to Pictou, there to await our arrival, whilst we proceeded by land in one of the best conveyances which could be procured at that time in Halifax, to join Lady Sarah and Sir Peregrine Maitland, at the former place, they having left for it the day previous in their own carriage. There were five of us in the hired vehicle—the Bishop, myself, the Bishop's man, a servant of Sir Peregrine Maitland, and the driver. We had not proceeded more than about fifteen miles from Halifax, on the way to Truro, when our carriage broke down in the midst of the forest, and some two or three miles distant from any known habitation. His Lordship's man, and the driver, were dispatched in quest of another conveyance, and whilst waiting their return, the Bishop sat down on a pine log, under the shade of some spreading branches, to shelter himself from the rays of the sun. I followed his example, and in doing so, expressed a wish 'that we were out of this solitary place, and at Quebec,' being weary and weak from illness. His Lordship mildly replied, 'why, we may be as much in the way of our duty here, under the direction of God's providence, as if at Quebec, and our Divine Master may find some work for us to do before we reach it. But men of families like you are generally anxious to return to the domestic circle. I have no such ties, and am therefore free from such anxieties.'

"But shortly after uttering these words, the Bishop exclaimed, 'why, I perceive a smoke yonder! Come, let us see from whence it issues?' Accompanying his Lordship, we, in a short time, arrived at a miserable looking shanty, a sort of hut formed of unhewn logs.

"At the door of this wretched-looking hovel, the Bishop asked—'Are there any inmates here?' On which a female presented herself; and the squalid

misery, the forlorn wretchedness, depicted in her person and countenance, I never saw surpassed, perhaps never equalled. Nevertheless, the Bishop did not hesitate to enter, and I of course followed. Here were, also, two young girls, of a squalid appearance with that of the woman. His Lordship inquired if these two girls were her daughters, and what their respective ages were? 'They are, sir, mine?' she replied, 'and the one is about fifteen, the other twelve years of age.' 'Have you,' his Lordship asked, 'a husband, and if so, where is he?' 'I have, sir,' was her reply, 'and he's in Halifax.' He next asked—'Of what country are you, and how long have you been here?' 'I am a native of Ireland, sir, and have been here these three years.' 'Of what religion are you?' asked the Bishop. 'I am a member of the Church of England, sir,' she replied. 'Can your daughters read?' 'Yes sir.' 'Have you any books?' 'Yes, sir; we have our Bible, Prayer Book, and some tracts, brought with us from Ireland.' His Lordship then heard both the daughters read in the New Testament, who acquitted themselves creditably, especially the elder. After this, the Bishop asked if they could repeat the Catechism. They replied 'yes,' and they did repeat it, and answered some questions other than those contained in the Catechism, which the Bishop put to them, to ascertain how far they understood what they repeated, much to his satisfaction. Then, after a pause, the Bishop observed—'I am rejoiced to find your daughters so well instructed in the principles of the Church, and that they continue to read their Bible, and to retain the Catechism in their memories—understanding it, as they appear to do—here in the wilderness! Why, one must have been but nine, and the other twelve, when they left Ireland!' 'How, then, and by whom were they thus instructed?' 'They learned, sir,' said she, 'to read at the Parish School, were instructed in the Church Catechism, and in the Scriptures, by our Clergyman; the blessing of God rest upon him, day and night! They received from him these books and tracts you see here,' (pointing to those which had been just used), 'and which were, I believe, supplied to him by a society in England; and they have thus far been preserved from evil in the Church of their forefathers, and will I trust and pray, continue to be "Christ's faithful soldiers and servants," in His Church, until their lives end. And oh! blessings, blessings temporal and external, descend on those who have supplied those books. They have, indeed, been our comfort and solace here, in this dreary wilderness, under many severe trials; and the absence of our beloved Church, if we had but decent clothing to appear in it, is not one of the least!' 'But,' said the Bishop, 'these young persons must not be permitted to remain here in this wild solitude; you must send them to Halifax.' 'Ah! sir,' the poor woman said, as she took a hasty and painful glance at them, 'they are not, as they once were, in a fit state to be sent there. Besides, even if they were, their father could not, I fear, do anything for them; and, without any other acquaintance or friends there, how could they obtain situations?' 'Leave that to me, my good woman,' said the ever kind-hearted and charitable Bishop, 'I will see to it. I am the Bishop of Quebec, and am now on my way to Pictou, to join Lady Sarah and Sir Peregrine Maitland. I may, perhaps, overtake them at Truro.'

"Here, take this,' (presenting the woman with, I think, five pounds!) 'and, as soon as you can prepare your daughters, send them to Government House at Halifax, with the compliments of the Bishop of Quebec. I will speak to Lady Sarah Maitland to take one of them, and to send the other to my niece at Quebec, who will take charge of her.'

"The poor creature threw herself on her knees to thank his Lordship, but her heart was too full; she could not utter a syllable! Her eyes, however, and her manner, spoke more feelingly and eloquently than which her tongue refused



to express. The Bishop hastily quitted the hut in deep emotion, and as for myself the scene has been so indelibly stamped on my memory as to be scarcely ever effaced."

This incident took place on the journey announced in the following letter from Rev. Edward Wix to Mr. Hatton:

HALIFAX, N. S., July 29, 1829.

Sir,—

I am desired, by the Bishop of Nova Scotia, to present his Lordship's regards to you, and to acquaint you that the Honorable Dr. Stewart, the Bishop of Quebec, who is now on a visit to his Lordship at Halifax, proposes to pay a visit to Pictou, on Sunday, the 9th of August. His Lordship's plan is to leave Halifax by land on Friday, August 7th, to reach Pictou on the evening of Saturday, and to hold service in your Church on Sunday, the 9th.

We will thank you to give ample notice of this, to prepare the Church for the Bishop's reception, and to get the best accommodation you can for his Lordship, for two ladies and two clergymen of Canada, who will accompany him.

The Governor and Lady Sarah Maitland talk of accompanying the Bishop on his visit to Pictou. The Government brig "Kingfisher" will be ordered to leave Halifax in time to take up the Bishop of Quebec, on Sunday evening or on Monday, for Quebec, and the Government brig "Chebucto" will also get to Pictou at the same time, that Sir Peregrine and Lady Sarah Maitland may return in her.

I am, sir,

Your faithful and obedient servant,

EDWARD WIX,

*Bishop's Chaplain.*

From Quebec, August 24, 1829, Bishop Stewart thus addressed Mr. Hatton:

Dear Sir,—

The "Kingfisher" (brig) arrived here on the 20th; all well.

The letter on the opposite half sheet was written on the night that I embarked at Pictou; but no opportunity of sending thither offered previously to my return to this place.

I am, dear sir,

Yours, sincerely,

C. J. Q.

The following is the letter referred to above:

AUGUST 9th, 1829.

Dear Sir,—

Permit me to trouble you. I left in the looking-glass stand drawer, in my bed-chamber at Pictou, the upper part of a tooth-pick case, broken in two, with a glass in it, which I value much on several accounts. I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will procure it, if you can, and send it to me. Perhaps you could send it to the Postmaster at Halifax, and request him to do me the favor to forward it to me. However, I leave it to your discretion *how* to send it to me; but it will be advisable, in wrapping it up, to guard the glass from breaking by plenty of paper or something else.

You will further oblige me by writing to me at Quebec to acknowledge the receipt of this letter. Pardon my giving you this trouble, and believe me, dear sir,

Yours, sincerely,

C. J. QUEBEC.

If you prefer doing so, send the glass top to the care of CAPT. DREDES, Aide-de-Camp, Government House.

The day for the consecration of St. James' Church must have been already fixed, as the following letter from Bishop Inglis proves, dated—

HALIFAX, August 12, 1829.

*My Dear Sir,—*

By the last post I wrote to Mr. King to say I would be at Pictou, GOD willing, on *Sunday next*, if he would write to me my post to say the Church was ready. I have heard nothing since; and in doubt whether notice has been given, I think it best to proceed, and intend setting out to-morrow morning, with the hope of reaching Pictou on Saturday.

I will, therefore, thank Mr. King to assist you in sending notice wherever there may be members of the Church, as they will be glad to be present on such occasion. I will also thank Mr. King to secure accommodation for us at Thane's. Dr. Milledge and Mr. Wix will be with me.

I remain, dear sir,

With much regard,

Your faithful servant,

JOHN NOVA SCOTIA.

*Henry Hatton, Esq.*

Besides the late Mr. King, several clergymen—one of whom, Dr. White, is still living, and another, Dr. McCawley, died only last Spring—assisted in keeping open St. James' Church, until the Parish obtained a Clergyman.

The former writing from Fredericton, Sept. 7, 1829, gives Mr. Hatton an interesting account of his homeward journey, spending a week most agreeably at Mr. Burnyeat's, from Truro to Amherst with Mr. Roach of Fort Lawrence staying a short time at Judge Botsford's and Mr. Milner's in Westcock, and "arrived on Saturday at my own dwelling, much pleased and gratified with my excursion, and not least, I assure you, with the recollection of the kindness I experienced in Pictou."

"I trust the good work which has been so auspiciously begun among you will proceed steadily and surely, shedding its refreshing blessings upon you all; that the light of Church doctrine and discipline, which has begun to beam upon you, will increase more and more to the Perfect Day, and more especially that you, who have been so instrumental in the happy undertaking, may be 'blessed in your deed,' and through the sanctifying influence of Divine grace, 'go on unto the perfect man into the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.' This, my dear Sir, is the fervent prayer for you and the little flock of Pictou.

"With best wishes for your happiness, believe me, my dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

G. McCawley.\*

*Henry Hatton, Esq., Pictou.*

\* This letter is printed at length in the *King's College Record*, published at Windsor, March, 1879.

The Rev. Mr. White was thus announced by the Bishop's Chaplain :

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 6th, 1829.

*Dear Sir,—*

I am charged by the Bishop to inform yourself, and to beg you to give publicity to the arrangement, that the Reverend Thomas Howland White, who is on his way to Antigonish, is instructed to remain, and hold two services in the Church of Pictou, on Sunday next. I should have been happy if I could have introduced this gentleman to you and the principal inhabitants in person, but I am sure that he will find no difficulty in gaining introductions to you all. He is a promising young man, and if you can prevail on him to extend his visits from Antigonish, as far as Pictou, occasionally, I doubt not but that his visits would be highly acceptable. With compliments to Mrs. Hatton, and to the gentlemen of your town with whom I am acquainted, in which his Lordship begs to join.

I remain, dear sir, very sincerely, yours,  
EDWARD WIX.

Mr. White writes on the same date :—

HALIFAX, October 6th, 1829.

*Mr. Hatton,—*

Sir.—By the Bishop's request, I take the liberty to inform you that next Lord's Day, I shall be at Pictou, to have a service in your Church. Being about to be established near you, I anticipate the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with such a firm supporter of our Church, and of whom I have so frequently heard.

Your humble servant,

THOMAS H. WHITE.

In the following year, the Rev. Charles Elliott was promised to the Parish, as the following letter from him to Mr. Henry Hatton shows :—

HALIFAX, April 7, 1830.

*My Dear Sir,—*

As the Bishop intends to embark for Bermuda next week, and take his Chaplain with him, I am obliged to remain in Halifax till his return, which it is expected will be in about six weeks. The Bishop has given me a fair promise of Pictou, but he tells me that I had very nearly lost that Mission, in consequence of the people sending a petition, as he would not have the people to think that the appointment rests with them. He purposes to ordain me at Pictou soon after his return, and to induct me into all the privileges of Rector of Pictou. I am sorry that you will not have Divine service at the Church on Sunday, but I hope the want will have the good effect that it will teach the people fully to estimate the benefit of a resident clergyman. The Bishop is much pleased with the account I have given of Pictou and the adjacent settlements, but says he shall require you to raise the sum of £30 per annum, and promise at least to build a Parsonage house before he will countenance it as a Mission. But I think we need not be much alarmed on this head. I will write to Mr. Burnyeat, and request him to visit Pictou as often as he can during my absence. You must not calculate on a service till you hear from him. I hope yourself, Mrs. Hatton, and each member of your family, are well; give my kind regards to them. Hoping that I shall not find any of my people less zealous in the cause of the Church and true Religion on my return,

I subscribe myself, with best wishes, your faithful friend,  
CHARLES ELLIOTT.

Mr. Elliott's services were extended, among other places, to River John, where, through his instrumentality, a Church was built. In 1864, the Rev. J. A. Kaulbach was placed in that settlement as the first resident clergyman; he succeeded in getting a Church erected at Tatamagouche, which, although in Colchester, is ecclesiastically part of River John Parish; the comfortable Rectory at River John was also built through Mr. Kaulbach's endeavors. The very large increase in the number of communicants during the Incumbency of Mr. Kaulbach gives "full proof of his ministry." Mr. Downing, the present clergyman and first Rector of the divided Parish, has induced the Church people of the "Back Road" to erect Trinity Church in this new Parish, which was consecrated Oct. 19, 1877; and also to build a new Church in lieu of that erected in Mr. Elliott's time.

During Mr. Elliott's tenure of the Rectory of Pictou, a Church was built at Albion Mines, with the dedication of Christ Church, A.D. 1851, of which the Rev. Joseph Forsyth was the first Rector. A Chapelry within that Parish is now established in New Glasgow, with the intention of erecting an independent Church edifice, so that it may be said truly, that from the time that St. James' Church was consecrated, in 1829, to the present, less than fifty years, the Church people have increased from one congregation to six. It should also be stated that occasional services are held at Fisher's Grant, Three Mile House, Brulé, Barrasois, Westville, &c.

Mr. Elliott retained the Rectory till his death, which occurred in England, Oct. 27th. 1871, but for the last few years he was relieved by Curates—the Rev. F. Pryor, the Rev. A. Wood, the Rev. H. Genever, the Rev. D. C. Moore, which last-named succeeded him in the Rectory, and was himself followed by Rev. T. DesBarres, Rev. J. P. Sheraton, Rev. W. Cruden, and the present Rector, Rev. J. Edgecumbe.

River John has been served by Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, John Hutchinson and James L. Downing.

Christ Church, Albion Mines, by Rev. J. Forsyth, Rev. H. DesBlois, O. M. Grindon, L. M. Wilkins, C. Bowman, D. D., and the present incumbent, Rev. D. C. Moore.

The Parish of St. James', Pictou, possesses a good Rectory house, built by the exertions of the ladies of the congregation during the latter years of Mr. Elliott's incumbency.



Mr. Henry Hatton died July 31st, 1853. The following record of the event is taken from the *Eastern Chronicle* of August 2 of that year:—

"DIED:

"On Sabbath morning, HENRY HATTON, Esq., in the 60th year of his age. He was a native of (Gorey) Wexford, Ireland, but for many years a resident of this town, and for a considerable period its Representative in the General Assembly.

"The deceased formerly carried on an extensive business of shipbuilding, and during the whole of his mercantile life was distinguished for integrity of character and kind consideration for the wants of the poor. He practiced hospitality on a large scale, and has gone down to the grave regretted by a large circle of friends and relatives, leaving not a single enemy to cast dishonour on his name."

His wife followed him to the grave in 1876, and lies beside him to the East of the Church, for the erection of which he did so much, and which she named, and in which they both found their chiefest pleasure to worship.

## APPENDIX.

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[*From the Pictou Colonial Standard, May 27th, 1879.*]

On Thursday last, 22nd May, 1879, the corner-stone of the Church now being erected in Pictou by the Congregation of St. James, was laid, according to the ceremonies of the Church of England. The new edifice is situated just south of old St. James', on rising ground which gives it much prominence. The construction was begun this year, the first sod having been turned on April 3rd. Since that date, a number of workmen have been engaged in building the foundations, and made such progress that their portion of the work seemed almost completed on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone.

The plans of the new Church are very handsome, and if carried out in their entirety, will result in a beautiful building for Divine worship which will be a striking addition to the number of architectural adornments of the town. The building will be of partly Gothic and partly modern style. The tower and spire will be placed at the South-West corner. At the East end will be a chancel and vestry, built in connection with the main structure. Inside, the church will be finished with ceilings between arches of wood springing from the sides and handsomely carved and ornamented. Large windows of stained glass in the chancel and at the West end will admit that subdued light that usually lends such a fascinating charm to the fabrics of the Church of England in other countries. Galleries will be dispensed with, the choir being placed near the chancel. Both outside and in, the plans foreshadow a building a gem in its way.

The ceremonies for the laying of the corner-stone were commenced on Thursday by Divine service in the old Church at eleven o'clock a. m.; which was attended by a large number of the public of other denominations, as well as by the congregation of St. James'. After the conclusion of this service, the officiating minister, Rev. J. Edgecumbe, followed by the vestrymen and churchwardens, proceeded to the site of the new church, where all was in readiness for the laying of the corner-stone. A large concourse had already assembled there, comprising

clergymen of every denomination, leading citizens, many ladies and others. Everything being prepared, the Rev. J. Edgecumbe said :—

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.  
Except the Lord build the house, their labor is in vain that build it.

P.—Our help is in the name of the Lord.

A.—Who hath made heaven and earth.

P.—O Lord hear our prayer.

A.—And let our cry come unto Thee.

P.—Blessed be the name of the Lord.

A.—From this time forth and forevermore.

ALL.—The Glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us, prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork.

Our Father, etc.

P.—Almighty and everlasting God, who didst lay in Zion a precious Corner Stone, not made with hands, bless the Corner Stone of this house, to be erected to the Glory of Thy holy name, and grant that they who shall faithfully offer to Thee of their substance for the furtherance of this pious work, may be preserved in body and soul, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

A history of the parish was then read by Mr. Charles Tanner.

At the conclusion of the reading of that document, Rev. J. Edgecumbe said :—

In the faith of Jesus Christ we lay this Corner Stone, in the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

P.—Here let true faith, the peace of God, and brotherly love ever remain. This place is dedicated to prayer, and to the praise of our most Holy Saviour Jesus Christ, who ever liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God world without end. Amen.

The cavity of the corner stone was then filled with the box provided for the purpose. In the box were placed :—

A copy of the *Colonial Standard*, of 20th instant.

A copy of the *Church Guardian*.

A copy of the *Evangelical Churchman*.

A copy of the *Eastern Chronicle*.

A Photograph of the Old St. James' Church.

A copy of Form used in the Ceremony.

A handsomely engrossed History of the Parish.

Coins current, silver and copper.

The stone was then lowered into its place, and descending was struck by Mr. Edgecumbe with a trowel made for the occasion, and afterwards presented to the officiating minister. The choir then sung the 145th hymn, commencing as follows :—

This stone to Thee in faith we lay ;  
We build the temple, Lord, to Thee ;  
Thine eye be open night and day  
To guard this house and sanctuary.

The service was then continued :—

LET US PRAY.—O God, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, sanctify and build up these walls to Thy honor and glory. Let the light of Thy holy presence ever shine on them. And may Thy Holy Church, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief Corner Stone fitly framed together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, grow unto a Holy Temple in the Lord. Amen.

O! Lord, who wisely ordereth all things, both in heaven and earth, to Thy merciful protection we commend the workmen employed in this building. Let Thy fatherly hand ever be over them; keep them from all evil, accident, hurt, or hindrance, and from all unfaithful, profane, or unholy words or deeds; that the work now begun, may by Thy blessing on their labor, be brought to a happy end; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Preserve us, O Lord, in all our doing, &c. Amen.

The Rector, then, from the new-laid corner stone, delivered an appropriate address, which we greatly regret pressure on our space prevents us from publishing.

The Choir then sung the 438th hymn, commencing :—

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the word.

The impressive ceremonies then concluded with the benediction.

A collection was taken from those present, and a handsome sum was realized, before the congregation dispersed.